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TO : Asst. Director for Operations

DATE: 26 December 1947

FROM : Executive for Administration and Mgt.

SUBJECT: Project 00-20, Preparation of Bibliography of Current Soviet Scientific and Technical Periodicals by the Library of Congress

1. The action of the Projects Review Committee taken at a meeting on 10 December 1947, and approved by the Director on 23 December 1947 is quoted below:

"VI. Action Taken:

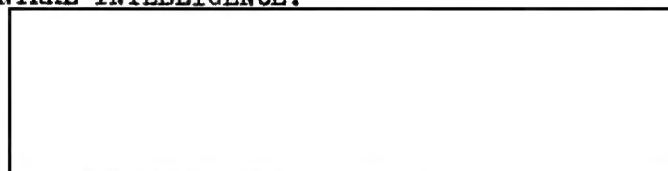
"The Projects Review Committee recommends that the Director of Central Intelligence:

"(1) Approve adoption of the project for a complete bibliography of current Soviet periodicals to be undertaken by the Office of Operations upon receipt of a statement of requirements from Office of Reports and Estimates.

"(2) Direct Office of Operations to report on the implementation of the project with regard to adequacy of facilities of the Documents Branch to meet national intelligence requirements in this field."

2. Report relative to the adequacy of the Documents Branch to meet the indicated requirements is requested by 15 January 1948.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:



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Minutes of Meeting of
Projects Review Committee
Central Intelligence Agency

held in Rm. 7129
North Interior Building
Washington, D.C.
at 0930, 10 December 1947

I. Members Present:

Brigadier General E. K. Wright, Deputy Director, Chairman

Mr. Theodore Babbitt, Assistant Director, ORE

25X1A Mr. E. R. Saunders, Finance Division, A & M

[redacted] Chief, Advisory Council, Secretary

25X1A Others Present:

25X1A [redacted] Executive Director

25X1A [redacted] Executive for A&M
Office of Operations

Mr. John J. Bagnall, Office of Operations

25X1A [redacted] Office of Operations

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II. Project Under Consideration: Project 00-20, Preparation of Bibliography of Current Soviet Scientific and Technical Periodicals by the Library of Congress.

III. Scope of Project:

(1) Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates on November 25, 1947 requested

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25X1A [redacted] the preparation on a current basis of a "Bibliography of Current Soviet Scientific and Technical Periodicals."

(2) Subsequently, on 3 December 1947, Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates submitted a further memorandum setting forth the belief of the Scientific Branch, ORE that in addition to the scientific and technical periodicals previously mentioned, a large number of periodicals in other fields such as drama, music, art, education, economics, etc., are available.

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IV, References:

(1) Memorandum to Chairman, Projects Review Committee, dated 25 November 1947, from Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates, subject: "Preparation of Bibliography of Current Soviet Scientific and Technical Periodicals by the Library of Congress."

(2) Memorandum to Director, CIA, dated 3 December 1947, from Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates, subject: "Preparation of Full Bibliography of Current Soviet Periodicals by the Library of Congress."

V. Discussion:

The Chairman reviewed the two memoranda submitted by the Office of Reports and Estimates, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a bibliography of current Soviet scientific and technical periodicals; and the second, an expansion of this project to include the entire output of Soviet periodicals and

[REDACTED] and suggested that the two proposals be considered as a unit. 25X1A

Upon being questioned, Mr. Babbitt stated that [REDACTED] of the Library of Congress; and, further, that although the periodicals mentioned in the second memorandum would not have the high intelligence value of the scientific and technical periodicals, they would contain very useful indications of current Soviet trends and therefore would prove valuable.

Discussion ensued of the activities of Documents Branch, Office of Operations, and the possibility of that Branch undertaking the preparation of the proposed bibliography. Mr. Bagnall stated that this would be feasible; that upon receipt of a statement of basic requirements from ORE, Documents Branch can follow any desired line in extracting information of interest to CIA, including complete

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articles if so desired; that CIA has access to all Library of Congress periodicals, including the backlog, although as yet there has been no desire to exploit the latter; that ordinarily between [] scientific and technical periodicals are screened per month in the Documents Branch.

General Wright pointed out that as time goes on there will be an increasing number of documents and papers placed in Documents Branch which will not be available to the Library of Congress, and consequently, it might be advisable for CIA to undertake a general bibliography, which could be made available to other agencies, with special emphasis on building up the scientific angle.

[] commented on the probable interest of scientific foundations and universities in such a bibliography, and Mr. Babbitt agreed that it should not be so classified as to restrict its dissemination to other agencies, since it would be of extreme value to other scientific and technical organizations.

Since it appeared the general belief of the Committee that as between

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[] the latter course is preferable, General

Wright completed the discussion by stating that ORE would furnish a statement of requirements which would be turned over to the Office of Operations for implementation, with the Office of Collection and Dissemination handling the dissemination of the finished product.

VI. Action Taken:

The Projects Review Committee recommends that the Director of Central Intelligence:

- (1) Approve adoption of the project for a complete bibliography of current Soviet periodicals to be undertaken by the Office of Operations upon receipt of a statement of requirements from Office of Reports and Estimates.

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(2) Director Office of Operations to report on the implementation of the project with regard to adequacy of facilities of the Documents Branch to meet national intelligence requirements in this field.

E. K. WRIGHT
Brigadier General, USA
Chairman, Projects Review Committee

APPROVED: 23 December 1947

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
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Director of Central Intelligence